

The Bustle

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Beta Sigma Phi—Southwest Houston City Council

President's Message

Hello Angels!

I hope this December letter finds you well and joyfully navigating the start of the holiday season!

The Kindness of Angels: Mercy Goods Donation

I want to start with a huge **thank you** for the success of our Fall Event, which demonstrated the kindness of the "**Angels of Friendship**" extending far into our community. Due to the tireless efforts of **Diane Leive and her Fall Event team**, the generous spirit of the attendees, and the council's willingness to match funds, several members were on hand to proudly present founder **Zack Lambert** with a check for **Mercy Goods** on November 15th! This donation will directly help at-risk youth become productive citizens. I invite you to learn more and shop their store when you get an opportunity at **501 MORTON STREET, RICHMOND, TEXAS**

November Recap & Next Meeting: Our Holiday Celebration!

Thank you to everyone who attended our November council meeting! We always appreciate your presence. A special thanks to the sisters of **ADT for hosting and presenting a very entertaining program** that gave us a heartwarming look at a 2nd grader's view of "**Angels of Friendship**" and being members of Beta Sigma Phi. It was a perfect reminder of the simple, true joy our sisterhood brings!

What: SWHCC December Meeting & Christmas Party hosted by SWHCC board members

When: Thursday December 11, 2025

Beta Buzz (Social Time) begins 5:30PM / **Meeting starts:** 6:30PM

Where: Hilton Garden Inn 722 Bonaventure Way, Sugarland, 77479

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Festive Details

The board is planning fun and games, including prizes for **Best Costume, Most Original, and Funniest!** So, please dress your best for the holiday "**Tops (think hats) to Toes (socks/shoes?)**" theme. Don't forget to bring a **gift valued at \$15-\$20** to share.

Please RSVP by the afternoon of Monday, December 8th! Your prompt RSVP is crucial for the board to prepare the room and the festivities accurately. This is a special time to share with one

Also, if anyone in your chapter is not receiving communication, please let me know so I can correct the distribution list

Looking Ahead to 2026

The planning continues for our next major event!

"Sweetheart Ball: An Evening at Tiffany's"

Please begin making your hotel reservations at the **Double Tree Hotel in Greenway Plaza** for the **Sweetheart Ball on February 21, 2026**. **Jill Coble and Pam McDuffie**, along with their team, are hard at work making this a truly special night. Remember to RSVP by the deadline, and the chapter should send **only one check** with a list of names for all members and guests attending. See the flyer for more information.

Remember: these events are wonderful opportunities to introduce someone new to BSP!

Spread the Warmth

As we enter this season of giving, please let the "**Angels of Friendship**" help you **spread the warmth of caring, friendship, and sisterhood** to our sisters on the prayer requests list. A card, a phone call, or a visit can mean the world.

I hope to see you all for our special holiday council meeting on **December 11th**, hosted by the SWHCC board. Don't forget to RSVP and join us for the Beta Buzz!

Until then, enjoy the holidays, stay safe, and, "May the Lord watch between me and thee."

Merry Christmas and many blessings in the new year.

I am thy sister,

Jeanne Melton, SWHCC President

This and That.....News from Council

Editor Notes:

Happy Holidays!

Be sure to check out November Council meeting pictures on page 5 and chapter information starts on page 13.

We are gearing up for Santa's visit and the beginning of a new year (where has 2025 gone). So finish your shopping and have your New Year's resolutions ready.

December brings Christmas and we wish everyone a merry time with your family and friends as we celebrate the season with those we love and best wishes for a happy New Year.

"A real friend is like an Angel who warms you by her presence and remembers you in her prayers."

**Beta hugs.
Karen & Sherry**



Council Meeting



Mark your calendars for the next City Council meeting/Christmas Party December 11 2025. **The theme is "Tops to Toes."** Also, **don't forget to bring one wrapped gift.**

Remember, Beta Buzz starts around 5:00pm and the Council meeting starts at 6:30pm, hosted this month by the Board.

Hostess Schedule 2025-2026

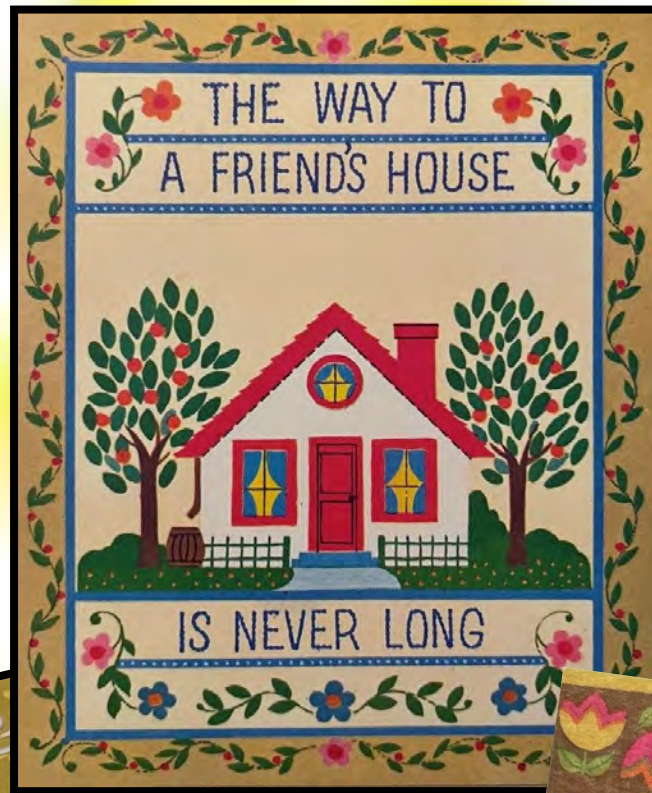
December 11, 2025	SWHCC
January 8, 2026	LIO
February 12, 2026	XAEO
March 12, 2026	PN
April 9, 2026	---
May 14, 2026	NEW BOARD

*Friendship Is A Knot
Tied By Angels' Hands*



*friends:
MAKE
— THE —
WORLD
beautiful*

“Everything OLD is NEW Again”



November City Council Meeting

The November Southwest Houston City Council meeting was held on November 13, 2025. Members gathered for socializing and food prior to the meeting. General information was discussed and included: cards sent to various recipients, information about the December meeting/Christmas Party (theme Tops to Toes, bring a \$15-\$20 gift, games and bingo, etc), thanking Diane Leive and her Fall Event committee for a successful event. It was also discussed to send service projects with pictures to Jill for inclusion on the website.

Diane Leive noted that the Fall event came in under budget and \$2175 was collected for donation to Mercy Goods. It was also suggested to submit a write-up to The Torch regarding the designation by the mayor of Sugarland.



ADT hosted the November meeting and presented an entertaining program entailing how an elementary student might interpret an "Angel of Friendship" and Beta Sigma Phi.



Ms. Swet-Angel and her second grade class.



All the "students" were eager to participate.



The pony-tail brigade



Karen Sweet-Angel won the 50/50 drawing and there were several other winners of prizes as well.





On November 15, SWHCC members presenting the fund raising check for \$2175 to Mercy Goods.



Darlings!

You are cordially invited to

"An Evening at Tiffany's"




Beta Sigma Phi
Southwest Houston City Council
Sweetheart Ball

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026
6 pm in the Evening

Double Tree by Hilton

6 E Greenway Plaza
Plaza Ballroom- 20th floor
Houston, TX



Tickets - \$65 per person
RSVP no later than February 2nd

No refunds after February 2nd

Hotel Group Rate \$ 139++ available Feb. 21- 22, 2026

Booking Link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/hougwdt-bsp-6dOcdfdf-8IQ3-4e7I-8b82-5f75c7997e5O/>

Group code: BSP

Reservations must be made by January 31, 2026

*Reservations can also be made by phone 800-222-TREE (222-8733), providing group dates and group code for Beta Sigma Phi Sweetheart Ball

Darlings, in the true spirit of "Breakfast at Tiffany's", would you please wear your little black dress or something black? Don't forget your utterly fabulous Pearls, Sparkles, and divine costume jewelry!

FOUNDER'S DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
THE CAFE AT BROOKWOOD
More information to follow



NOVEMBER SOCIAL

"Jazz washes away the dust of everyday life" - Art Blakey

On Saturday November 19th, we found ourselves enjoying dinner and music with our sisters. Prior to the concert, we enjoyed dinner at Porta'vino, in The Heights, an Italian restaurant which features Italian dishes made from ingredients from local providers that paired well with wine.



PORTA'VINO

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After dinner we headed to the venue for Candlelight Jazz: The best of Frank Sinatra and Nat King Cole. Candlelight concerts bring the magic of a live, multi-sensory musical experience to awe-inspiring locations like never seen before in Houston. Our evening was spent at Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church (MCC). The performance was with the Woody Witt Jazz Band and included music from Frank Sinatra like *That's Life*, *Come Fly with Me*, *My Way* and *Fly Me to the Moon*. We also heard Nat King Cole favorites like *Stardust*, *Unforgettable*, *Smile* and *Autumn Leaves*. It was an amazing evening of good food, great music and the company of friends.



SERVICE

The Fall service project for ADT was a day of service at Kids' Meals, a non-profit organization ending childhood hunger by delivering free, healthy meals to the doorsteps of Greater Houston's hungriest pre-school aged children and through collaboration, providing their families with resources to help end the cycle of poverty. As a team, we assembled snack bags that included cereal, granola, raisins, etc. Melinda became the head of bag preparedness, Sherry, Karen, Barbara and Diane manned the filling of the bags and Sonia and Cynthia sealed and counted the bags. We completed hundreds of snack bags that day. Afterwards we decorated paper bags that would hold the foods being distributed. It was an amazing day of service.



NOVEMBER MEETING

The ADT November meeting took place in the home of Melinda Montgomery. The evening started with a lovely dinner consisting of roast beef, potatoes, carrots, rolls and a delicious salad. Dessert was a selection of petit fours.



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General business was conducted that included discussions about upcoming socials, treasure report, November service project and possible candidates for new members. A ritual was held for Sherry Sweet for progression to Preceptor.



Melinda gave a program for the Angel of November, Adnachiel. Angel Adnachiel is the celestial guide of Freedom, exploration, growth and spiritual expansion. He encourages the soul to break through perceived limits, walk unknown paths and trust the wide, open horizon of divine potential.

One of Adnachiel's greatest powers is the ability to liberate the soul from internal and external constraints. He shows that you always had wings and teaches you how to use them.

He is deeply connected to the energy of movement and expansion and covers both physical travel and metaphysical journeying. He removes the fear of the unknown.

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Another core power of Adnachiel is the expansion of consciousness. He helps seekers grow beyond narrow beliefs and awaken to universal truths. He guides with gentleness and depth, inviting the soul to grow into a vast, inclusive understanding of divine reality.

He is a guide for those undergoing major life transitions. Under his guidance, risks become gateways and the unknown becomes a sacred invitation. He is a powerful protector for those walking alone on unique or misunderstood paths.

Finally, Adnachiel grants the gifts of divine optimism, a deep knowing that life is bigger, kinder and more wonderful than fear allows. He opens the eyes of the soul to see that everything is a door and every journey is a return to the divine self.



Angel Adnachiel

Melinda has started painting again and presented the sisters with a variety of painted rocks. Everyone was excited about receiving such a thoughtful gift.



Carol won the raffle prize of the evening, winning a pumpkin cheesecake provided by host Melinda.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

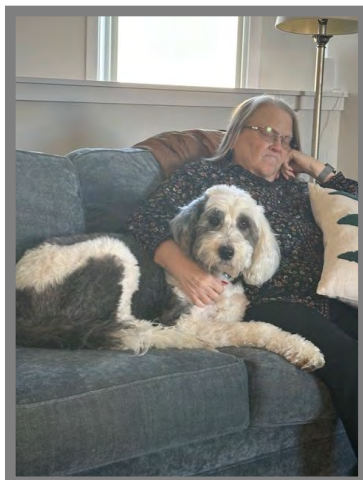
Happiest of birthdays to Karen Sweet-Angel our November birthday girl.



Melinda's niece, Chelsea, celebrated her 30th birthday with friends and family at a surprise party organized by Chelsea's husband Drew. It was a big success and she was indeed surprised when she walked through the door and saw the casino tables and food galore. She spent most of her time at the blackjack table which is her favorite.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Karen and Sherry spent Thanksgiving in Omaha, Nebraska, at the home of Karen's son-in-law's brother's house. It was a house full of family ranging in age from 15 months to 85+, Karen and Sherry enjoyed the company and such an abundance of food. It was an amazing week, even with the snow and high winds. Sherry was adopted by Georgia, a beautiful sheepdoodle and Karen loved interacting with Wren, the youngest of the family.



LAUREATE IOTA OMEGA

REPORTER: BARBARA HUPE

No report at this time.

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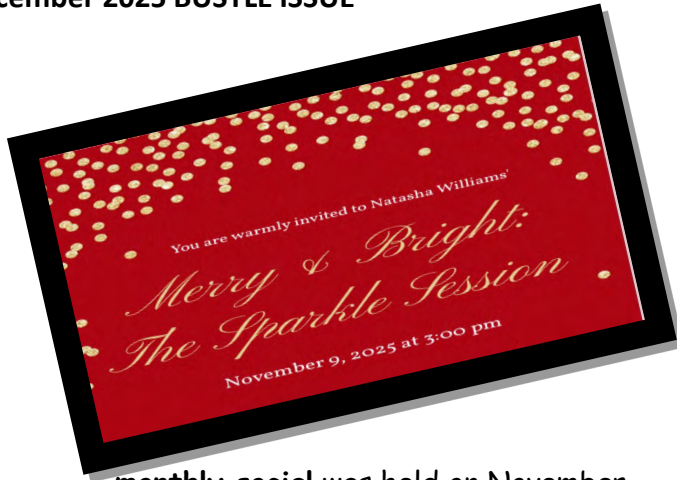
REPORTER: SHAWN DORN

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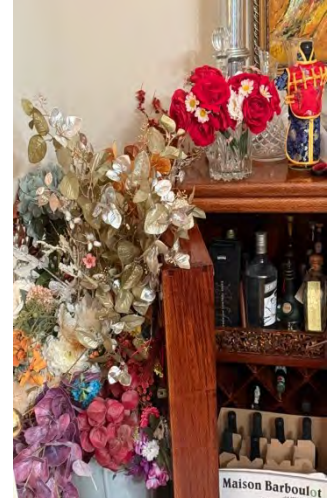
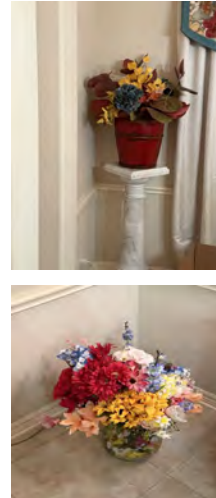
REPORTER:

SHAWN DORN



Our monthly social was held on November 9th in the charming residence of our sister, **Natasha Williams**, located in Sienna. As a Mary Kay Representative, she and a couple of associates treated Beverly Saunders, Suzy Penny, Yvonne Vazquez and Shawn Dorn to facials and a makeover. Natasha also provided snacks, prizes and going away gifts for all attendees. It was so much fun and a wonderful beginning to this up coming holiday season.

Our November 18th meeting was hosted by **Mickie Wright** and co-hosted by **Linda Rather** in the Wright's lovely residence. We all were greeted by the outdoor entranceway decorated in full autumn regalia as we approached their home. Then upon entry into the home, the Autumn decor continued...



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We were all encouraged to come dressed as "a Turkey" to the meeting. Then once we arrived we each were given a squeaky chicken to adorn atop our heads.



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Following our meeting, we were treated to a banquet of Cajun pork, beef, okra, rice Gumbo, french bread, artichoke salad, and several selections of desserts, along with a choice of wines and soft beverages were to be had. Despite Mickie's health downturn over the course of our meeting, we all enjoyed ourselves immensely and departed like "stuffed turkeys".



THANKSGIVING IS FAMILY TIME

Roy, our grandson, Luke, our great granddaughter, Briar, our granddaughter-in-law, Blair, and I would like to wish all of my BSP and PN family a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday



Happy Thanksgiving from the Laas Family

Shawn's 2025 Thanksgiving was spent with family and 'removed family' members. Her sister's, husband, George, has six other siblings. The photo to the right is that of George and five of his siblings with their spouses. Norman wasn't well enough to attend, sadly. This Thanksgiving celebration was held at The Bray's, one of the siblings, ranch home located in Killeen, TX.



Happy 2025 Thanksgiving to all from my niece Kelly, my big sister Shela, and me!

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REPORTER: JEANA DOROW

NOVEMBER SOCIAL

November 7, XAEO members enjoyed a day at the Sugar Plum Market buying Christmas treasures for the people on their nice list. Maybe even a few on the naughty list too!!

The day started off with a merry morsel meetup in the parking lot to ramp up energy for the day of shopping ahead. During our shopping, we ran across Zach Lambert with Mercy Goods at his booth! It was a nice surprise to see him, certainly after he spoke at our Fall Event. It was a successful day of shopping for everyone. Merry Christmas.



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NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

Pam McDuffe hosted the November Chapter Meeting, where members enjoyed a delicious pre-Thanksgiving meal featuring ham, potatoes, green beans, and much more. Our prospective member, Kim Horvitz, joined us as well. Pam ensured every detail was attended to, making the evening both special and memorable. We were treated to a touching program about Angels of Friendship, during which Pam shared the unique and cherished relationship she had with her father—whom she considered a true angel. Their bond was truly remarkable. Beverly was thrilled to win the beautiful Christmas tree pillow, and several members admired the lovely holiday decoration. Pam gifted each sister with a lovely pearl adorned pin to wear this holiday season! Thank you Pam for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

The meeting was quite eventful, covering regular club business along with our Sunshine and Showers report. Renita recounted her wonderful experience at the Ree Drummond book signing, expressing her excitement over getting her new cookbook and meeting Ree in person.

Additionally, two members celebrated significant milestones in BSP and received their Ritual of Jewels badges: Cynde Renteria achieved the Exemplar level, and Chris Jones reached the Laureate level. We are extremely proud of both ladies for their commitment and dedication to BSP. Congratulations to both!



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XI ALPHA ZETA

REPORTER: JEANNE MURRAY

December Bustle – Xi Alpha Zeta



XAZ's November Friendsgiving dinner and meeting was held at the home of Jeanne Murray with Jeanne Melton as co-hostess.



December Bustle – Xi Alpha Zeta



November 17th was a small surprise birthday lunch for Lori and a "good luck" for upcoming hip repair surgery. Sister, Lori Bownds, is scheduled for surgery the week of November 20th. Please keep Lori in your thoughts and prayers for healing.



During the month Miriam ventured out to the Nutcracker Market where she met a very tall fella dressed for the holidays.



Saturday, November 21 our November social was shopping at The Painted Tree followed by lunch at BJ's in Sugar Land. Sister, Lori, made the luncheon outing and it was great seeing her mobile after knee replacement and hip repair surgeries this year.

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MEMBERS AT LARGE

REPORTER: JOYCE FRANK

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Member at Large: Joyce frank

Thanks to all the members of SWHCC. I have enjoyed the cards and emails I have received . As most of you know, I have a back problem that has slowed me down a lot. I am still working, but not doing a lot of extra activities including driving at night. I have had some procedures done and I am doing better, including regaining my strength back. Hoping to join you soon again.

I have some news which is that I am a Great Grandmother now. My Granddaughter, Anna and Dawson had a son, Stetson John, born Oct. 10, 2025. Also, Anna graduated from Chamberlain University with her BSN in nursing in Sept 2025.

On November 6, 2025, my grandson, Christopher and Kaitlyn became parents of my second great-grandson, Jett Ray.

Thanks again for being my friends.





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Life, Learning,
Friendship**

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